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SUBJECT: DOW CHEMICAL APPLICATION FOR CAUSTIC SODA PLANT APPROVAL

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1. TOKYO PRESS REPORTS REPEATED IN WALL STREET JOURNAL ON JANUARY 9 STATE THAT A MITI OFFICIAL HAS TOLD JAPANESE INDUSTRY THAT DOW CHEM CAUSTIC SODA PLANT APPLICATION COULD NOT BE DENIED WITHOUT RISKING JAPAN'S STANDING IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. EMBASSY MENTIONED THIS REPORT TO MITI OFFICIALS AND WAS INFORMED THAT STORY WAS BASED ON A SPEECH GIVEN BY DIRECTORGENERAL YANO OF THE BASIC INDUSTRIES BUREAU AT A NEW YEARS PARTY TO MEMBERS OF THE CAUSTIC SODA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION. AFTER SEEING THE PRESS REPORTS, YANO DENIED THE ACCURACY OF THE REPORTS. MITI OFFICIALS RECONFIRMED THAT THE APPLICATION IS UNDER STUDY AND THAT A DECISION WILL BE MADE PROMPTLY. HOWEVER, THEY DENY THAT ANY STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE WHICH WOULD SUGGEST A FINAL DECISION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

2. COMMENT: YANO OBVIOUSLY SAID SOMETHING AND MAY HAVE

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BEEN FLOATING A TRIAL BALLOON. IF SO, THE JAPANESE SODA

INDUSTRY HAS NOT YET MADE ANY PUBLIC MOVE TO SHOOT IT DOWN.
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